MRS. BELMONT TO OPEN FIRST SUFFRAGE HOTEL

That Is Her Latest Enterprise Designed to Advance the Cause of Votes for Women-It Will Be One of the Many Activities of Political Equality Association's Clubhouse, - Men Will Be Admitted

ber of unusual philanthropies, entertaining on a arge scale and all sorts of endeavors in behalf of woman suffrage, from waiting on table to marching and public speaking and the expenditure of a great deal of money for the good of the cause, and now just in the last week it has been announced that she is to run a miniature hotel. The announcement has aroused as much interest as Mrs. Belmont's earlier experiments as a farmer

Mrs. Belmont as a hotel keeper would be difficult to picture mentally had she not already surprised her friends and that big public which does not know her personally by one unexpected enterprise after another. Those who know her, therefore, are mostly content to say that if she has decided to keep a hotel it will undoubtedly be a good one. And if one asks why Mrs. Belmont has turned to hotel keeping the answer is the same as that which accounts for most of her uninterest in woman suffrage. She is just as enthusiastic and energetic a suffragist as when she first announced her adher-

The hotel is a development of the suf-frage club which Mrs. Belmont instituted and for which she bought and equipped me last November. The two houses at 18 and 15 East Forty-first street were purchased by her and altered for suffrage purposes at a cost of \$320,000, as she herwill be opened in September. If you go windows and a sound of hammering is audible most of the day.

enstruction, is to be the home of the suffrage club that Mrs. Belmont foundedthe Political Equality Association-and its neighbor to the west is to be devoted where visiting suffragists can put up in comfort for a night or a week without the usual dependence on man. It will not be a Hotel Martha Washington though. A man who believes in votes for women will be able to get rooms there if any are suffragists, but of course a bitter opponent of the enfranchisement of women would not be likely to apply for a suite while other hotels were open.

There are four stories and a basement saying: to 13 East Forty-first street, but the whole of the first floor will be part of the suf-frage club's lunch room. That's one of struck silence Mrs. Belmont handed the the things the carpenters are attending plate of soup to the most hungry looking to just now. The layout of the two houses person at the lunch counter. She went

entrance and the three upper floors will no crowding. At o'clock Mrs. Belmont be given over to suites of rooms, each said she wasn't tired. It was perfectly with bath, bedroom and parlor. The easy, she added, if one went about it the basement of 15 will be the shop of the right way. She did not spill anything Political Equality Association, of which while she was serving customers either. more will be told soon. The three upper The lunch club boomed mightily.

floors of 15 will be the rooms of the club. There wasn't room enough and Mrs. The whole of the first floor of 13 and Belmont soon saw a use for one floor of 15 will be one big room practically and No. 13 as an enlargement of the lunch will be the club's lunch room.

has herself not said what she has in mind, but it is known that she will take up the problem and settle it quickly on her return from Newport.

At the same time and with her usua prompt decision she will appoint the staff of the little suffrage hotel and set the place in operation. Mrs. Belmont feels sure that the enterprise will be a success because of the number of suffragists from out of town who make a point of isiting her club's headquarters when in New York. Many of these have said that they wished the club had sleeping rooms where they could stay over night

It was suggestions of this kind that first gave Mrs. Belmont the idea of the hotel. Now the only doubt seems to be as to whether the hotel part of the club will be inadequate to accommodate those who wish rooms from the very start.

The plan of the hotel was doubly welcome to Mrs. Belmont because a previous plan for utilizing the upper floors of 18 East Forty-first street had failed. When Mrs. Belmont first acquired the two houses there was much more room, apparently, than her club needed. But she had the future in mind. So while the Political Equality Association was housed in No. 15 Mrs. Belmont designed most of No. 13 for bachelor suites. They were not inexpensive suites either.

It was her hope that a limited number self has said. This sum did not include of men of means would be glad to engage the furnishing. Now the house at 13 is such desirable rooms. But in this she to be a small hotel for suffragists. It was disappointed. Whether or not it was the vicinage of the club that kept past it now you can see workmen at the comfortably off bachelors from taking rooms at No. 13 is difficult to say, but that was the only apparent reason. At Number 15, which is also undergoing any rate the rooms did not rent.

Mrs. Belmont was somewhat disappointed, and equally perplexed as to what to do with the house. Then her lunch club began to boom. She had wisely above the second floor to suites with baths made the lunch club inexpensive. There were a counter and tables. Soon so many folks came around at midday to eat the table d'hôte dinner offered or to order the 15 cent & la carte luncheon or to ask eagerly for the day's soup, with beans and corned beef on the side, that the vacant. The place is to be a hotel and a room became noisy and the serving businesslike one primarily and there will girls simply weren't able to handle the not even be any restriction of guests to orders. The noise reached Mrs. Belmont in her little office room and she came actively out. Not bothering with cap or apron to protect her costume she pointed to a plate of soup in transit. "Give it to me."

right on waiting too, and soon there was The basement of 13 will be the hotel no more noise, no shoving, no pushing,

When Mrs. Belmont started the lunch the clubhouse, and these became imroom early last winter she had no idea mensely popular too. Toward the end

HAT will Mrs. Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont do next? She has already been active in farming, club work, a numthe Political Equality Association and looked about for a suitable home for it.

In April of last year she bought 15 East Forty-first street from Mrs. R. B.

She wont on to describe the buge figure

was able to open the clubhouse.

securing the use of the old Progress Club. The whole front of the two houses was

Kimball. Then she waited a while and in of Victory which thrusts itself forth from September purchased the adjoining house, over the street doowray at No. 15. No. 13, from Dr. Florian Krug, who had been living in it. Immediately plans by Maurice Leloir and is four times life for transforming the two-dwellings into a size. The copper is painted a dazzling clubhouse were made. The work was white. The Victory holds a trumpet begun last fall and was so far completed to her lips and flings to the breeze the that on December 4, 1911, Mrs. Belmont blue flag with white stars and the legend "Votes for Women," which is the emblem Mrs. Belmont had almost succeeded in of the Political Equality Association.





The lunch room was opened to both

sexes. It was really a transfer of the

lunch room that had been operated by

the suffragists in Thirty-fourth street,

where Miss Donnelly, who was in charge,

nade many converts to the suffrage cause

by her presence rather than by any

ng, and Miss Donnelly did not miss oppor-

tunities to advance the interests of suf-

The rule of the lunch room in East

the sexes which suffragists want in politi-

Up on the second floor of No. 15 was the

to many not versed in suffrage ways, but

Its wares naturally appealed to women

mostly. It was a shop de luxe. Installed

There are big show windows and show

cases. On shelves are rows and rows of jars of powder, paste and liquid aids o beauty. A young woman with abundant hair, perfect complexion and pearly teeth was engaged to sell remedies at

rock bottom prices. She did. She did it

Mrs. Belmont also built herself a little

private office on the third floor of No. 15.

Then the upper floors of both houses were

fitted up as bachelor apartments. The

reconstruction now going on will put

the clubhouse wholly in No. 15 except

Mrs. Belmont showed ingenuity and

Gardiner Bartlett conduct a singing class

at which young women could learn to

sing the hymns of the cause—and other

things-and could also get the voice

training to enable them to talk convine-

be the world's first suffrage hotel.

it is still a shop de luxe.

The New Suffrage Hotel!

Once a month the assembly hall of No. 15 was turned over to the artists' branch gone a good many unpleasant experi-of the Political Equality Association. ences, lectured, written (even to conducting The artists designed posters to reach those unconverted ones with whom speeches, however logical or eloquent, speeches, however logical or eloquent, task that presented itself. Once or twice were of no avail. They made some good she has worked so hard at a particular posters, too, as you may see by calling suffrage endeavor as to become really ill.

Another feature of the club was the for the cause can only be guessed at. department of hygiene. Arrangements Probably the largest single expenditure were made with thirty-six women doctors was the \$320,000 for the purchase and to deliver a series of lectures to women only on Thursday evenings. The beauty houses. At one time she wrote upward shop has already been told of. But it of 8,500 personal letters to urge votes for should be noted that on every bottle of women. She paid a New York State beautifier sold in the shop is a label marked suffrage organizer \$1,200 a year. She with a blue five pointed star, in the central undertook to conduct a suffrage press of which is the initial of the lady who bureau at a cost of from \$6,000 to \$7,000 a big front entra the club-Miss Victory. So much, Mrs.

Belmont explained, for mental suggestion. fourth street, which had refused to given up, met in the new clubhouse every \$1,000. She raised over \$2,700 for the fact something going on at the clubhouse went to aid suffrage compiled as far back nearly every night of every week. Mon- as 1910 totalled over \$41,000. day evenings were devoted to plain unadulterated suffrage speeches which were delivered from the assembly hall platform by such headliners as Prof. Charles Zueblin, Louis Anspacher and Dr. Anna Shaw. Wednesday and Friday evenings were given over to miscellaneous programs. Mme. Nordica gave a concert on Wednesday, December 6.

deliberate argument. The men would converse with Miss Donnelly while lunch-For these manifold activities Mrs. Belmont was responsible. Having got difficult to say.

Forty-first street has always been first Report has had it that she has been one come first served. No tables were reserved for women. It was designed to Woodrow Wilson in the field of politics. demonstrate that perfect equality between On this point Mrs. Belmont herself is silent. Her friends, however, discredit cal affairs. Nor was the lunch room philthe story. Gov. Wilson is not a confessed married to Oliver Hazard Perry Belmont anthropic. The fact that you could get suffragist, although one of his three better food there for less money than else- daughters is, and in his immediate family where was undoubtedly what ade it a all shades of suffrage opinion are entertained.

Whatever enterprise Mrs. Belmont beauty shop. This seemed surprising turns to in the future, after she has made her hotel go, it is pretty certain to be in t was almost as big a hit as the luncheon. the interest of woman suffrage. Of her position in regard to the women's cause as it is now in the basement of No. 15 strength she will fight for it. And since she espoused the cause she has never ceased to spend her time and money

She has made stump speeches, under a department of hygiene in the newspapers) and has put her hand to every

The amount of money she has spent alteration of the East Forty-first street

Lectures at her Newport home, Marble House, brought in \$1.592.48 for the cause. The suffrage dancing class in Thirty- She earned \$1,030 with a batch of magazine articles. She saw to it that the disband when the old headquarters were State suffrage legislative committee got Saturday night and had at least one fancy striking shirtwaist makers. A list of some There was as a matter of of the known ways in which her money

> Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is a rich woman, of course, though her fortune has been estimated at only \$5,000,000 as compared with the fortunes of several American women, Mrs. Russell Sage being one of them, who are supposed to be worth \$50,000,0000 or more. Mrs. Belmont's income has been estimated at a quarter of a million a year.

She had distinguished herself in many ways before she became a suffragist. As her suffrage club indubitably on the road a resident of Long Island she founded the to success she will now essay the hotel Hempstead Hospital. Her contributions What she will do after that it is to charity have been very great. She used, as Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, to be conspicuous for her social entertainof the principal financial backers of Gov. ments at Newport. It was when she divorced Mr. Vanderbilt that Marble House was given her in settlement. She had been Miss Alva Smith. Later she was

Recently Mrs. Belmont bought six acres at Broadway and what would be 202d street if it were cut through, a historic sight, where she will have a town house in the city. She planned not long ago to found a suffrage daily newspaper and she may do it yet. She offered her estate at Newport, Belcourt, the gift of her second husband, as a hotel in 1910. Last year she tried a women's farm at East Meadow Brook, L. I., but later aban-doned it. All the young women on the farm were suffragists and Mrs. Belmont entertained them at Marble House, New-port, while the farm was running.



Mrs. Belmont and Her Suffragette Farmer Girls;

tinually crowded. But within a few big suffrage parade of last May. from its opening so many perwhole of the first floor in both houses.

The suites of the suffrage hotel have are to be bought under Mrs. Belmont's scheme. personal supervision when she comes back to work late this supervision rest pure and simple at Marble House,

almost impossible. That's the reason parade did. There were plenty of people Park West several years ago. It the club's lunch room will take up the to take the suffragists and their purpose owned by James B. Haggin. Mrs. Bel- they would probably manage to arrange seriously after watching those 10,000 mont, it was said, approached Mr. Haggin some way of getting such strikes arbi-women march. Mrs. Belmont could have and not him to consent to let her club use trated more quickly than they are now. not yet been furnished. All the hangings rented her bachelor suites after that, but the building until such time as it was sold

work late this summer. At Association's new home is interesting mind. present she is taking a vaca ion and a as a demonstration of what one resolute woman with means can do for a cause. Forty-first street Mrs. Belmont worked to the buffet counter. A regular dinner her Newport place. While she is there Mrs. Belmont succeeded two years ago in wonders. She told reporters that she was served from the start at 50 cents. she will decide on the style or period bringing the offices of the National Suf- had paid \$130,000 each for the two houses. It was to be had between the hours of

it would become so popular as to be con- of the club's first active season came the at the corner of Fifth avenue and Sixtythird street, for her association. No demonstration of the sort had ever building had been vacant since the club had a few artisans' strikes to contend with of the rooms and the furniure for them, she had already conceived the hotel or rented. The club was to have it free of the dining room or lunch room was placed The history of the Political Equality had been signed Mr. Haggin changed his kitchen occupied the rear of both houses

covered with copper painted a shining The white, like the Victory. Mrs. Belmont sons went there to eat that service became aroused a tithe of the interest that that movos to its new quarters in Central in getting the houses altered, which led her to remark that if women had votes

rent, it was said, but before the papers in the front basement of No. 15. The in the basement. The lunch room then With the two houses at 13 and 15 East seated seventy-five persons in addition of the furniture to be put into her hotel frage Association to New York. In doing and had spent \$60,000 on improvements. | 11:30 and 2 o'clock. It was possible to street corner or on the platform of a big gooms. | *Of course this does not include any get a very good meal at the counter for is

Every nation has its own peculiar in most parts of Italy a phrase equivamode of salutation. In the United States lent to "How are you?" is used the characteristic salutation is "Hello!" The Spaniards say, "How are you

so well that she couldn't dispose of the stuff as fast as visitors and members wanted to buy it. Mrs. Belmont sold the characteristic salutation is "Hello!" suffrage shampoo mixtures, hair tonics, The telephone is accused of having Ac., one day for forty-five minutes to fastened this upon Americans, but in help out. There was such a crush that at the end of that time it had to be antruth the telephone only adopted a word already familiar to everybody. nounced that no more preparations would

The Arabs say on meeting, "A fine

morning to you!"

The Turk says, with dignified gravity, 'God gran you His blessings!"

The Persian greeting is familiar to all the world by reason of its quaintness, "May your shadow never grow less!"

that the floor one flight up from the street The Egyptian is a practical man. He other parts of the world people run in both houses will be given over to the has to earn his taxes by toll under a noses, touch foreheads and take off lunch room. All the rest of No. 13 will burning sun, and accordingly when he their shoes. meets his fellow, he asks, "How do you perspire?" It is obvious that in low lati-luder all is well with a labora so long men embrace and kiss one another. The talent for organization in the work of building op her new suffrage club. Every Tuesday evening last winter she had Mme. as he perspires freely.

> The good Chinese loves his dinner. "How are you digesting?" he kindly inquires on meeting a friend.

business and close bargainers, ask one

ingly about the need of votes for women another, "How are you getting on?" formerly, "Grow in grace!" At present, times.

NOVEL SALUTES OF THE NATIONS

passing it?"

The French, "How do you carry

yourself?" The Germans, "How goes it?" The Dutch, "How do you travel?" The Swedes, "How can you?" meaning

'Are you in good vigor?"
The Russians, "Be well!" The Engish speaking nations, in ad-

dition to the telephonic "Hello!" say.
"How are you?" and "How do you do?" Caucasians take off the hat, shake hands, embrace, bow and kiss, as to

The American in France and in tudes all is well with a laborer so long Italians and the French, in turn, upon the Anglo-Saxon bow and hand shake as cold. The touching of the tips of gloved

uires on meeting a friend.

The Greeks, who are keen men of shaking, must also seem to people of the East as cold and expressionless. The bow as a mark of respect is

custom used by nearly all nations, and The national salutation of Naples was one that had its origin in ancient